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1. FRENCH NATO DRAFT RECEIVES FAVORABLE REACTION

A. FROM THE GERMANS...

EMBASSY BONN HAS LEARNED THAT FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL MET WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS IN LONDON OCTOBER 4 ON THE FRENCH NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION DRAFT. VAN WELL INFORMED THE BRITISH THAT, ALTHOUGH SOME CHANGES WOULD STILL BE DESIRABLE, BONN IS VERY GRATIFIED WITH THE FRENCH DRAFT. HE SAID THE GERMAN NATO DELEGATE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GIVE IT STRONG SUPPORT AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL BASES FOR DISCUSSION. THE BRITISH REPORTEDLY REPLIED BY PRAISING THE FRECH PROPOSAL, BUT ADDED THAT THEY HAD NOT STUDIED IT SUFFICIENTLY TO TAKE A DEFINITIVE POSITION. (SECRET)

BONN 14495, 10/5 (LIMDIS)

B. ...AND FROM SYG LUNS

IN A MEETING OCTOBER 4 WITH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD IN BRUSSELS, NATO SYG LUNS EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE OVER THE FRENCH NATO DECLARATION DRAFT BOTH IN SUBSTANCE AND THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH HAD COME ALONG SUFFICIENTLY IN THE SECRET

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ATLANTIC RELATIONS ENTERPRISE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE US MUST HAVE THE GREATEST SAY REGARDING A DECLARATION. LUNS HEREOFRE SUGGESTED THAT, IF THE US APPROVED OF THE FRENCH DRAFT AS A BASE, HE MIGHT SELECTIVELY ADD TO IT OTHER NATIONAL CONTRIBU-

TIONS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, BURDEN SHARING, MBFR, ETC., WHILE CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH USNATO. (SECRET) USNATO 4743, 10/5 (LIMDIS).

2. GALLEY WASHINGTON VISIT SEEN IN POSITIVE LIGHT

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER GALLEY'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, SEILLIERE, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER IN PARIS THAT GALLEY WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN THE US AND SEES A CANDID AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. SEILLIERE REPEATED THE WELL-KNOWN FRENCH FEARS CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF US-SOVIET BILATERALISM ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, BUT THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF POLITICAL/MILITARY SUBJECTS THAT HAVE PROVEN INTRACTABLE IN THE PAST. (SECRET) PARIS 26207, 10/6 (EXDIS).

3. DEBATE WITHIN GOF ON CAMBODIAN POLICY

A BRITISH DIPLOMAT IN PARIS INFORMED OUR EMBASSY THAT HE HAD RECENTLY LEARNED OF A MEETING AT THE QUAI TO DISCUSS TWO OPPOSING POSITIONS ON FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS CAMBODIA. ONE FACTION PROPOSES LEANING IN SIHANOUK'S DIRECTION BY REMOVING DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION FROM PHNOM PENH, WHILE THE OTHER WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS BEYOND THE DECISION NOT TO PROPOSE A NEW AMBASSADOR. THE UK ESTIMATE IS THAT JOBERT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CONVINCED BY ARGUMENTS TO ABANDON CAUTION IN FAVOR OF ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 26183, 10/5 (LIMDIS).

4. HUNGARY COMPLAINS OF DISCRIMINATION

IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN, HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER FOCK SAID HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT DISCRIMI-
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NATION IN US-HUNGARIAN TRADE RELATIONS BE ENDED. HE ADDED THERE WAS DISCRIMINATION IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, BUT AS APPLIED TO HUNGARY IT WAS REFLECTED IN US REFUSAL TO GIVE HUNGARY MOST FAVORED NATION (MFN) STATUS. FOCK EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FROM CONGRESS TO EXTEND MFN PRIVILEGES TO HIS COUNTRY. ((ONFIDENTIAL) BUDAPEST 3378, 10/6.

5. FRENCH DISAPPOINTED WITH NAIROBI

FINANCIAL ADVISER TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU FREYCHE HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS HE HAD THE IMPRESSION SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD NOT WANTED ANY PROGRESS TO BE MADE AT NAIROBI. THE

PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE THE US AND THE EC ARE THE AUTOMATICITY OF THE INDICATOR, AND MANDATORY MULTILATERAL CONVERTIBILITY VERSUS BILATERAL CONVERTIBILITY. THE LACK OF PROGRESS AT THE MEETING HAS THROWN OFF THE WHOLE TIMETABLE OF MONETARY REFORM HE CONCLUDED. WHEN PRESSED WHETHER THESE WERE PERSONAL VIEWS OR THOSE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, FREYCHE REPLIED THESE WERE THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND, SPECIFICALLY OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AND FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD. (SECRET) PARIS 26182, 10/5.

6. SITUATION REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

AS OF 0800 GMT, IT APPEARS THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES WHICH CROSSED THE SUEZ CANAL INTO THE SINAI ARE SPREAD THINLY ACROSS THE PENINSULA AND FAR FROM SUPPORT OR REINFORCEMENTS. ON THE SYRIAN FRONT, SYRIAN ARMOR WAS REPORTED CONCENTRATING FOR AN ATTACK BETWEEN MT. HERMON AND RAFID JUNCTION. IN THE AIR, ISRAEL HAS ADMITTED THE LOSS OF FIVE A-4'S AIRCRAFT. RADIO BAGHDAD CLAIMS 12 IRAQI CRAFT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AIR BATTLES AGAINST ISRAEL. KING HUSSEIN HAS PLACED THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES IN A STATE OF ALERT, AND IS IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENTS SADAT AND ASAD, BUT FOR THE MOMENT THE KEY JORDANIAN SECTOR REMAINS QUIET. IN A SHARP VERBAL ASSAULT ON LEBANON, ISRAEL DENOUNCED THAT COUNTRY FOR ALLEGED ASSISTANCE TO SYRIAN
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FORCES, AND WARNED THAT IT WOULD SUFFER QUOTE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES UNQUOTE IF IT DID NOT CEASE ITS HOSTILE ACTIVITIES. CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE IN THE UN WITH THE AIM OF CONVOKING A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE CRISIS. THE US IS INSISTING ON A CEASE-FIRE APPEAL CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF THE STATUS QUO ANTE BELLUM BUT THIS FORMULA HAS LITTLE SUPPORT AMONG UN MEMBERS. (SECRET) MIDDLE EAST TASK FORCE SIT REP NO. 4, 10/5(EXDIS) KISSINGER

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